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Item No. 9

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/53 of 1 December 1976, 32/34 of 28 November 1977, 33/39 of 13 December 1978, 34/40 of 21 November 1979, 35/27 of 11 November 1980, 36/50 of 24 November 1981, and 37/30 of 22 November 1982,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) of 22 December 1975 and 22 April 1976, respectively,

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Bearing in mind and pleased that Portugal, the internationally-recognized Administering Power of the Territory, continues to adhere to and support the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination, and has stated its readiness to move towards the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960 in regard to the said Territory under its legal jurisdiction,

Recalling that the Republic of Indonesia had never made any explicit or implicit claim to the Portuguese territory of East Timor, and had solemnly recognized the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Having examined the "Report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances", contained in Doc. E/CN.4/1986/18 of 24 January 1986, and reports submitted to it by Non-Governmental Organizations such as Amnesty International,

Noting the world-wide concern about the critical situation prevailing in East Timor as expressed in various statements and reports by the U.S. Congress, European Parliament, a group of 400 Parliamentarians from all over the world, The East Timor Catholic Church as well as the Indonesian Bishops Conference, and Churches of other confessions,

Noting the efforts of the Secretary-General in exploring the avenues for a negotiated and internationally acceptable solution to the problem,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence;

2. Praises the Secretary-General as well as Portugal and Indonesia for the on-going negotiations in the framework of General Assembly resolution 37/30 and encouarages all parties, including the legitimate representatives of the people of East Timor, to spare no effort in bringing about the realization of the

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inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination;]

3. Decides to follow the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ development of the situation in East Timor and to consider this question within the framework of the agenda item entitled "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation" at its forty-third session, as a matter of high priority.

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